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Reply to Attn of: OWW-130

Daniel Redline, Regional Administrator
Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
2110 Ironwood Parkway
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814

Re: Request for Preliminary Certification of NPDES Draft Permit for the City of Post Falls
NPDES Permit Number ID0025852

Dear Mr. Redline:

Enclosed is a preliminary draft of the NPDES permit plus a fact sheet for the City of Post Falls.

This preliminary draft permit and fact sheet incorporates some changes relative to the versions of these documents sent to you in November 2011. Specifically, the effluent limits and monitoring requirements for total residual chlorine now apply if and only if chlorine is used for disinfection or elsewhere in the treatment process. EPA has also made a number of edits to the fact sheet for clarity and to explain the changes to the chlorine limits.

We are asking for Idaho Department of Environmental Quality review and preliminary Clean Water Act Section 401 Certification for this permit action. We will include in the public notice and fact sheet a reference to the State's preliminary Section 401 certification. If possible, we would appreciate a response within 30 days.

Since this preliminary draft is not intended for review outside of IDEQ, we appreciate your discretion in retaining it within the department.

If you have any questions on the enclosed materials, please contact Brian Nickel at 206-553-6251 or at Nickel.Brian@epa.gov. We look forward to receiving your comments on this draft permit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael J. Lidgard", is written over a horizontal line.

Michael J. Lidgard, Manager
NPDES Permits Unit

Enclosures